At a meating held in this city vester-day Mr. John T. Edwards, of Lynch-mond, was nominated to take charge of the Virginia exhibit of tobacco at the St. Louis Exposition.

Bt. Louis Exposition.

The meeting was held at the instance of the local tobacco trade, when, as will be recalled, recently took steps looking to a united effort on the part of the tobacco markets of the State to present a creditable exhibit at St. Louis. Seventeen markets were represented, either by delegates or otherwise. Those actually present were as follows:

From Richmond-T. M. Carrington, W. W. Morton, J. C. Hagan, Thomas Scott.

From Blackstone-R. W. Tuggle, Samsel Hurt.

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Ridgway-Senator W. A. Garrett. Petersburg-R. A. Craddock, W. M.

South Boston-Colonel H. A. Edmund-

Lynchburg—J. R. Kyle. Scottsburg—J. T. Lacy. Farmville—J. L. Putney.

Farmville—J. L. Putney.
There were two candidates for the poeition to which Mr. Edwards was elected, and the vote was close—nine to eight.
The other man in the field was Mr. O.
W. Stone, of Martinsville. The name of
Mr. Edwards will now go to the Virginia
Commission to the exposition, by which
he will be formally appointed.
The meeting resolved itself into a permanent committee and perfected its organization by electing Mr. W. W. Morton, of this city, permanent chalrman,
and Mr. John C. Hogan, also of this city,
secretary.

### Fairmount News

an Burton has moved his family himond and is now living on Church

Would,
Many Purdue, of Twenty-first
has been confined to her home
I days by sickness.
Wells, of Nineteenth Street, near
venue, was arruck just over the
y a stone thrown by a little boy
at a few days ago, and has sufconsiderable pain since.
D. T. Gordon has just completed
w store at the corner of Twenty-

y Ill. er reported his little baby, with pneumonia, as slightly

rmount Tent off the Maccabees, at a meeting, initiated four new memand will have several others next lay night. While the Fairmount is the youngest it is exceedingly a and prosperous. Mayor Jeter is nander and J. H. Bleson is secre-

Commission.

Lary.

Rev Joel T. Tucker has returned, after an absence of two weeks, visiting Brookland, D. C., and his brother in Pittsburg

### At the Theatres.

] |-------Joseph Jefferson, whose sixty years of work sit as lightly upon him as y were all golden and glorious sum-and whose visits grow more and welcome as the seasons pass, will r at the Academy to-night in Rip Vinkle, This will bring Mr. Jeffer-rward again in one of his famous horizations—a part in which thea-

profession and of the fiction characters with which his fame is inseparably identified that he cannot resist the allurements of the footlights even though his years and fortune would justify his retirement and so each season he sets apart a limited number of weeks and selects a few cities to include in his tour, and fares forth to shed happiness and inspiration upon some fortunate portion of the play-loving public.

This season he has four plays in his reportery, "Rip Van Winkle," "Bob Acres," "The Cricket on the Hearth," and "Lend Me Five Shillings," the last two constituing a double bill. The chief characters in all of these plays are healthy and wholesome figures, whose humor-is bright and whose actions are reasonable and human. There is sympathy and charm in each of them and these qualities are many times enhanced by Mr. Jefferson's polished and lnimitable style. Nobody ever sees his Bob Acres without declaring it a great achievement in the realism of the human heart as well as along the most exhalted idealistic lines of art. It is a character that comes pretty near to being as popular as Washington Irving's good-natured vagabond of the Catskills.

Mr. Jefferson has been playing Rip now over forty years, he has been portraying

Catskills.

Mr. Jefferson has been playing Rip now over forty years, he has been portraying Bob Acres for over twenty-five years. The same delightful impression is made by his Caleb Plummer and his Golightly. There is nothing in the range of quaint humor or tender sympathy that is not

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embraced in Mr. Joserson's art. It is the subtle conquering quality it possesses, more than financial fortune or long presence before the public that made the actor a great and imposing figure on the American stage during the last quarter of the inteteenth century and the most conspicuous figure on it at the beginning of the twentieth century.

Mr. Jefferson's supporting company includes John Jack, Francis Carlyle, Joseph Jefferson, Jr., George Denham, Willam Jefferson, Walter Ware, Harry Odlin, Ffolilott, Frances Pemberton, Blanche Bender, Jessés Sweet and others.

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Of all the native American plays which have been produced in the past decade, there is none that has been more successful than "M Liss," now running at the Bijou. It is radically different from all other plays of this class, and that may be the secret of its success. Its strength of cast and realism of stage effects gives to "M Liss" a standing equal to all the other notable revivals of the present time. It is a dramatization of Bret Harie's charming romanite story of the little mining camp of Eldorado, 'way up in the Sierras, and its inhabitants. No American author has ever been able to give to the children of his creation so charming or realistic an atmosphere as has Bret Harte, and wherever the English language is read will be found his tales of the mining camps of California in the days when the State was overrun with gold seekers. The dramatization has preserved the atmosphere of the story to a very marked degree.

melo-dramatic attraction of excep-al excellence "A Ruined Life," comes E. Laurance Lee, for many years a producer of drama and this latest work promises to prove far more successful than any of his previous efforts. Since its initial performance it has been acclaimed by press and public alike as a strong and virile play. It possesses every element of success, having an unusual plot, silring situations and unconventional dramatic scenes relieved by bright and sparkling comedy.

The cast is one of even merit, headed by Miss Eleic Crescy, a young and beautiful inlented leading lady, who made a conspicuous success in the title role of "A Gambler's Daughter" last sesson.

Mr. George Fawcett, the actor-manager, of Baltimore, announces that he has just completed arrangements, with Mr. Jake Wells, of Richmond, to send the George rawcott Company with Percy Haswell and Frank Gilmore now playing Haswell and Frank Glimore now playing a supplementary season at Ford's, in Baltimore, to Richmond and Norfolk for one more week in each city before the end of the season. On this trip Mr. Fawcett will, for the first time in the South, show his company in "Romeo and Juliet," this being the first Shakespearean production ever attempted in the South at popular prices.

This company, besides the

at popular prices.

This company, besides those mentioned, embraces DeWitt Jennings, Alfred Hudson, Alice Butler, Regan Hughston, Viola Burton, Laura McGlivray, Agnes Everett, Alfred Hudson, Jr., Harold Cohill and a great number of other players. The date for the Southern trip will be about the middle of May.

### **ELECT A PRESIDENT**

One to Be Chosen Soon for the Virgin

The Board of Trustees of the Virginia Institute at Bristol, will meet in that city on May 13th, at which time a presi-

### EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

which his fame is inseparably iden- Religious Papers Praise it-Herald Ob-

jects to but One Speech.
All of the religious papers which have appeared thus far this week, speak in most appreciative terms of the recent Education Conference held in this city One or two grow enthulsactic over what they regard as an eventful and epoch-making gathering. Concerning one fea-ture of the conference, perhaps that most interesting to Southern people, the Re-ligious Herald says:

### HON. C. C. BAKER TO BE THE LECTURER

The lecture court of the Centenary Epworth League will be opened to-night by the Hom. C. Conway Baker, member of the House of Delegates, Mr. Baker will give his serio-comic lecture on "Taik," which has been heartily received in other places.

Rev. Dr. Lear, pastor of Centenary Church, will introduce the speaker, and speedal musical numbers will be rendered by Mr. and Mrs. Eugene C. Clowes, of the First Presbyterian Church choir.

It is expected a large audience will greet Mr. Baker and the evening promises to be most interesting. The lecture is complimentary, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

## THE INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY-SCHOOL LESSON FOR MAY 3, 1903.

SUBJECT: Pul Arrested-Acts, xxi: 30-39. GOLDEN TEXT: "If any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed."—1 Peter, iv: 16.

By Rev. J. E. Gilbert, D. D., Secretary of American Society of Religious Education

In vain the friends there assembled,

Paul in the house of Philip at Caesarea. In vain the friends there assembled, prompted by the predictions of evil inade by a prophet, sought to dissuade him from his journey to Jerusalem. After a sorrowful leave-taking he proceeded to the great metropolis of Palestine, where he was received with gladness by the disciples. There he found that the followers of the first were still attached to Jowels under the proceeded to the great metropolis of Palestine, where he was received with gladness by the disciples. There he found that the followers of the found that the followers of the found that the followers of the controversy. Knowing the apostle's liberal views, those in authority endeavored to protect him against the criticisms of the extreme legal party by advising that he conform to the customs. Accordingly Paul took the men who were with him, his fellow-laborers in the gospel, and submitted to the rite of purification, occupying a period of a week. While this act pacified the Christians, it aroused the ill-will of the Jews, some of whom know of his missionary labors among the Gentiles, as they themselves were from Asia Minor.

TUPROAR.—(Verse 30.) The Jews laid a serious accusation against Paul (verse 23), that his teaching and practice had been subversive of the faith, and that he had come to the Holy City and profuned the temple by introducing Greeks, xx: 4.) Nothing was better suited to infance the provides the had come to the Holy City and profuned the temple by introducing Greeks, xx: 4.) Nothing was better suited to infance the provides of the faith, and that he had come to the Holy City and profuned the temple by introducing Greeks, the him that the had come to the Holy City and profuned the temple was presented. There was no doubt, because they had seen with him an Ephesian named Trophinus. (Acts, xx: 4.) Nothing was better suited to infance the provides of the faith, and that he had come to the Holy City and profuned the temple was presented. There was no doubt, because they had seen with him and the

closed, that the sacred place might be protected.

RESCUE.—(Verses SI and 32.) It was a tunultuous and murderous throng that crowded about the man of God, determined to inflict upon him the full penalty for his crime. (Lev., xxiv: 60.) A convenient spot for the process of stoning was sought, requiring a little time, and thus delaying the mad purpose. Fortunately, the uproar came to the ears of the officers of civil government. Rome, then holding the Jews as a conquered people, had imposed a vigorous fule, designed for the preservation of public order. Many times Roman authority had interposed to save human life when endangered by religious bigotry. So Paul found defense. The chief captain came with solders to his rescue. Immediately, in presence of the military, every hand was released, and the law was supreme. What may have been the disappointment of those who had been most active in the persecution may be easily imagined, but they were powerless. Anger could avail nothing against swords and spears. The mob must leave their victim with the state officials.

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PRISONER.—(Verses 33 and 34.) The officials had done more than protect Paul; they had arrested him on the supposition that he had committed some offense. They regarded the outbreak as proof of his wrongdoing, so that his energy of the protection of him in chains, as if he were a dangerous character, who needed to be secured. This was precisely what had been predicted (verse ii); what also the Holy Spirit had said to him (Acts, xx; 23), as he declared to the elders of Ephesus. Having the supposed criminal in custody that he might not escape, the captain demanded who he was and what he had done, expecting a ready answer from those who had opposed him. Then appeared the mailee of the multitude, rising above all matters of guilt and justice, showing that none cared for law or its violation, but that all were moved by fanaticism. Some cried one thing, some another. The discord and confusion became so great that the captain was obliged to thrust his prisoner into the castle.

VIOLENCE,—(Verses 25 and 38.) The mob grew furious and tumultuous as it became apparent that Paul would be taken from their midst into the keeping of the military. Up to this point respect for the government had been manifested, the first result of the appearance of the soldlers, and they had stood back, yielding to the power which they dared not resist. But now all saw that their purpose would be thwarted. It was in a spirit of desperation, awakened by the changed conditions, that the noisy crowd.

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CONNECTION.—Last lesson closed with paul in the house of Philip at Caesarea. In vain the friends there assembled, or ompted by the predictions of evil made by a prophet, sought to dissuade him form his journey to Jerusalem. After a his hands, But the offer to speak, made horrowful leave-taking he proceeded to the great metropolis of Palestine, where the great metropolis of Palestine, where the great metropolis of Palestine, where the was received with gladness by the distinct of the price of the output less the might return and attempt similar in mischief. We are not told how the chief captain reached the conclusion, but he supposed he had this old disturber in the coarse speech of a foreigner, caused him to question. Paul, and that with much surprise.

speech of a foreigner, caused him to question Paul, and that with much surprise.

CITIZEN,—(Verse 29.)—This gave Paul an opportunity for the first time to make himself known and to explain the real situation. First, he declared that he was a Jow, a fellow-countryman with those who elamored so much against him. This fact was one of great moment, somewhat an occasion of pride to him, as he referred to it on several occasions (Rom., xiii) as something worthy of honorable mention. (II Cor., xi:22.) Considering the world as it was of the stock of Abraham. (Phil., iiii.5.) Next, he declared that he was a Jew of Tarsus, a city of Cilicia; that he did not belong to the Jerusalem class, who were narrow and bigoted, but that he was raised in a province where larger ideas of things prevailed. In fact, he was a Roman citizen, made so not by purchase, as were some, but by birth. (Acts, xxii; 28.) In claiming citizenship, he asserted rights which no one dare question. Thus he was by blood and religion of Jewish origin, but politically he held allegiance to Rome. In these few words Paul had placed himself in a new light, and won the regard of the officer who had him in keeping.

class. While engaged in the performance of a religious service a man may offend those who claim to be highly religious. 2. It is seldom wise to do anything for mere policy. Had Paul followed his convictions he would not have submitted o the act of purification. If Christian brethren had been displeased thereby, the courch might have been disturbed somewhat, but the agitation would have been less troublesome than that which did occur. 3. The evil spirit of bigotry is here displayed in all its shocking deformity. Men are offended over that is nee displayed in all its shocking de-formity. Men are offended over that which should have caused rejoicing. It is certainly commendable if one makes a convert. The house of God is not pro-faned when they enter who one were convert. The house of God is not pro-faned when they enter who once wer-far astray. 4. The power of self-con-sclous righteousness excites our admira-tion. He who can meet danger unmoved and who can desire to bless those who curse him is Christ-like in spirit, a hero of the noblest pattern. There can be no braver deed than to turn with bless-

In Heathen Costumes.

City Treasurer Phillips has not yet appointed a successor to the late Colonel W. P. Smith, who was a doputy in his office. A large number of applications have been made to he City Treasurer and he will probably make his selection next week.

Mr. Eakle Here.

Mr. B. E. Eakle, manager of the Sweet Chalybeate Springs, is in the city staying at Murphy's. He is making arrangements for the opening of his popular resort for

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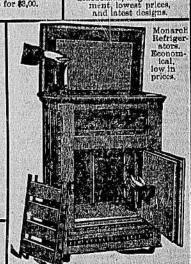


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## THE SEMINARY WILL SOON CLOSE

### Examinations Begin Tuesday-Dr. Whaling to the Graduating Class.

The session at Union Theological Seminary is rapidly drawing to a close. Examinations begin on Tuesday next, May 5th, and close on the following Tuesday. W. Smith, of Greensboro, N. C., will de-liver the missionary address in the First Presbyterian Church, of this city, and at the closing exercises on Wednesday, May 18th, Dr. Thornton Whaling will address

the closing exercises on Wednesday, May 18th, Dr. Thornton Whaling will address the graduating class.

The faculty has appointed Mr. J. B. Massey, of the Senfor Class, to the Mosse D. Hoge followship. He will continue his work in the Seninary in post graduate studies next year, Mr. C. S. Mathews will remain during vacation, engaged in cataloguing the library.

Interesting memorials of the late Dr. B. M. Palmer, of New Orleans, have been presented to the library by the Rev. J. V. Caldwell, a grandson of Dr. Palmer, Tivey include manuscript sermon notes, a collection of printed addresses, several

a collection of printed addresses, several books from Dr. Palmer's library and an excellent engraving of the distinguished

preacher.

The faculty has granted to the Missionary Society the use of a room in Watts' Hall for a missionary museum.
This will be a valuable addition for increasing knowledge and interest in missions.

### ITS ANNIVERSARY

The anniversary celebration of the Sunday Afternoon.

The anniversary celebration of the Sunday-School of Grace-Street Baptist Church will be held Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and will be thoroughly delightful.

There will be musted of a think of the sunday afternoon at the sunday afternoon at the sunday su Grace-Street Sunday School to Cele-

There will be music of a high order by the school and prominent vocalists. Prizes will be awarded.
The address of the occasion will be delivered by Hon, George W. Settle, of the House of Delegates.

St. Peter's School Defeated. A game of ball, which was played yesterday avening at Lee Monument between the Coits and St. Peter's School resulted, in the defeat of the latter by the score of 25 to 1. The line-up is as follows: the sort of 25 to 1. The line-up is as follows. Cosby, catcher; R. Mintor, Dither; D. Sheppard, short-stop; T. Murphy, first-base; W. Tompkins, second-base; E. Hulcher, third-base; C. Mac-pariand, left-field; R. Davis, catcher; C. Ruwson right-field.

The St. Peter's School—C. Poh. catcher; G. Constantine, pitcher; F. Sitterding, short-stop; Bahen, first-base; H. Huges, second-base; G. Vlars, third-base; R. Charlee, left-field; W. Sitterding, center; L. Dugan, right.

The chief features of the game were the batting of C. Cosby for the Colts and the pitching of Brother Constantine for the St. Peter's School.

### GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT TO-MORROW

The spring golf championship tourner ment of the Lakeside Country Club will begin to-morrow with the qualifying round of eighteen holes, play to commence not later than 5 o'clock P. M. All players wishing to contest in the tournament must qualify to-morrow. Play will be continued on each Saturday in May until the 23d.

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